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## A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY TO STUDY PROPOSALS FOR FLEET PURCHASING OF EMERGENCY VEHICLES, FACILITY CONSTRUCTION FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY SERVICE PERSONNEL.

WHEREAS, the health and safety of New Mexicans is vital; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is a large state with an area of one hundred twenty-one thousand square miles; and

WHEREAS, many of the cities and counties of the state operate emergency services, including ambulance and firefighting services; and

WHEREAS, the operation and maintenance of emergency service vehicles, including ambulances and fire trucks, is a major expense for New Mexico communities, one that is expected .151665.1

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to increase; and

WHEREAS, several public funding sources for the purchase of ambulances, fire trucks and other emergency vehicles exist, but those sources could be used more efficiently; and

WHEREAS, fleet purchasing of emergency vehicles could result in cost savings of up to twenty percent per emergency vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico finance authority is required by law to coordinate, plan and provide for needs assessments of public projects; and

WHEREAS, the office of the homeland security advisor has the knowledge base necessary to assess the needs that might arise in the event of a mass disaster:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico
finance authority be requested to study proposals for fleet
purchasing of emergency vehicles, facility construction for
those vehicles and additional emergency service personnel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of the homeland security advisor be requested to provide technical assistance to the New Mexico finance authority with respect to the study; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico finance authority be requested to report its findings and recommendations to the appropriate legislative interim . 151665.1

committee by September 1, 2004; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico finance authority be requested to submit two copies of its report to the legislative council service library; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the president pro tempore of the senate and the New Mexico finance authority.

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